

NEWSPAPER EDITORS A GANG OF IDIOTS.

A professor in a Topeka college named Fitch in dilating upon the value of money is reported to have declared that "one small fragment of J. P. Morgan's mind is larger than the combined intellects of the newspaper world, to which an esteemed couth Kansas cotemporary, published out in Pratt county, the "Union" by name, takes lings. exceptions. The college professor entertaining such an searce fitted to be an el-cator. Fool Fitch would not There are the intellectual attainments of the schools, of the pulpits, of the courts, of legislative halls and what or domain, respectively. But for knowledge of a univer-

#### THE FIEND TRACY AS A HERO.

The reputations of the Daltons, the Jameses and the toyed with his Winchester and entertained them with is these all rolled into one. Within the month he has of him. He has deceived and defied the instincts of bloodhounds, and his gaping admirers are wondering what he will do next. In following this murderous bente the love of genius and the detestation of infamy may strangle for the mastery in many minds. The same confliet has made heroes of many conquerors who righly merit eternal infamy. But in this age of humanity and ethical refinement every self-respecting member of society will have nothing but the brand of infamy for such fiends as Tracy and bury his depraved canning out of sight in the interest of youthful morality. He deserves nothing but execution.

## WEALTH MENACES EVERYTHING.

Wealth is the menace of this age. It threatens to on to the Chicago University has a sectarian national honor and obligation." ewamped by his aggregations of capital. President Har-per cites in illustration Mr. Carnenie's new foundation her escape. New York is quite verdant. osition for American and colonial scholarships at Oxford. Both of these schemes, he argues, if thep propose to bring the dead weight of capital to bear irresponsibly upon the old university methods may grace harmcan of beneficial. If the Rhodes scholarships are or more young men of special ability each year and transport them to foreign sall in order to imbue reasionable; if the purpose of this foundation aw all men to a recognition of the doctrine of as it is embodied in the British empire, cution of this trust may prove a curse instead of ler was acquitted and cannot be tried again. a blessing to those who avail thereselves of its privi-

Thus it is seen that large aggregations of wealth in the hands of a few men may eventually become the bane of education as well as of industry. Even religion Reself will be finally menaced. Too much wealth in too few hands is the greatest danger that confronts the GYPSUM BECOMING MORE VALUABLE.

Several southwest Kansas counties contain inexhaustible gypsum deposits, deposits which are not only of great depth but of very pure quality. Among which counties are Harper, Sumner, Barber and others. Gypsum is becoming more in demand. Of it plaster of Paris is not only made and a fertilizer, but it is coming largely into use for wall plaster. The increased use of plaster of Forms in the manufacture of wall plaster in tume, excepting one, and he was the modern buildings because of its superiority in hardness and deray 'ty to lime plaster and the large quantities consumed in the manufacture of "staff" for the construction of temporary buildings, particularly exposition build-

The production of gypsum in the United States during 1901, as given by Dr. Joseph Struthers in "Mineral estimate of intellectual force and acquirement is in no Resources of the United States, 1901," now in press, United States geological survey, was 650,659 tons, valued at \$1,577,493, as compared with 594,462 tons, valued be an inappropriate cognominal for the said minny. at \$1.627,203 in 1900, an increase of 65,197 tons in quantity and a decrease of \$45,710 in value. There has been a remarkable increase in the production of gypsum in the United States during recent years. For the ten years not, each pertaining to the demands of its categorems prior to 1899 the annual output averaged 269,712 tons. During 1900 the production rose to 594,462 tens, and in 1961 to the maximum output of 659,652 tons.

The quantity of crude gypsum sold in 1901 was 72,-The knowledge of Morgan is not an intellectual 669 tons, valued at \$76,773, as compared with 35,479 tons, int, but an idiosyncrasy. He belongs to the cat- valued at \$44,127 in 1900, an increase of approximately 105 per cent over the production of 1900. The value per ton of the product, however, decreased from \$1.24 light soon a and class as Edison is in his, or as Carrie in 1900 to \$1.06 in 1901, the lowest price reported since is in hers. Each knows one thing. Born with a they have each respectively pursued their natal used for land plaster, being ground for this purpose by one idea they have each respectively pursued their natal used for land plaster, being ground for this purpose by

The production of gypsum in the United States during the last three years has been derived from seventeen states and territories, and although this mineral occurs in other states, the development of the properties has shipped by the fool Fitch contingent. Anybody owning not yet been considered advantageous. The proportion plant, with a patent process by which he could of the total output of gypsum used to produce plaster of Paris has risen during the last twelve years from about 58 per cent to about 80 per cent in 1901. A noteworthy feature of the gypsum industry during the year has been \$500 and \$600 per ton, would naturally have the consolidation of some twenty-six independent companies in Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, New York and Oklahoma into the United States Gypsum Company. In the order of production for 1901, Iowa, Kansas and Texas, grouped together, come first, with 213,419 short tons, followed by Michigan, second, with 185,150 short tons, and by New York, third, with 119,565 short tons, the other states following at long intervals.

### MORE COFFEE DRINKING THAN EVER.

find little encouragement in the statistics of importations | a of the berry which makes the favorite table beverage been his escapes, so violent his crimes that ports that the average imports of the last five years have been about 50 per cent greater than they were in the five yars from 1890 to 1894, inclusive. The difference in the population of the country was about 12 per cent.

These figures show that the consumption of coffee daylight ordering the men to do his bidding, number of people in the United States. It is evident the women busy cooking his meals while he that with a general improvement in business and ining, because people who could not afford to use it as they wished when the times were bad have lately been able to come nearer the free gratification of their taste of the papers that is hardly assuring. Dick Turpin, for the much condemned beverage which is a great favor-Jack Sheppard, Claude Daval and other celebrities have life in the United States, Germany, France and Italy, but not popular in Great Britain or Russia.

As for the substitutes for coffee which have made a good deal of headway in this country, they simply add had he known it to grovel at the feet of killed a dozen persons, beaten, tied up and to the total quatity of warm liquids consumed by the nany others. He has escaped at least half a American people, without any effect which can be pertimes from sheriffs' posses of from fifty to one crived upon the demand for coffee. This is not evidence hundred men, after they had come within a few yards that the use of coffee is beneficial, but indicates that few people of the many millions using it are convinced that

## WILL HAVE INCREASED MAJORITY.

The Topeka Capital in its weekly political round-up ment of her sudden departure he stood in the that the "Republican politicians in the Seventh the center of the ballroom waving his jeweied hands in semicircles in the air. says that the "Republican politicians in the Seventh district are unanimous in the assertion that Chester I. Long will be re-elected this fall by an increased majority. Two years ago his majority was cut down to 1 800, nearly 1,000 less than that given the state ticket, on account of the fight waged against him because of his opposition to the Grout oleomargarine bill. 'At the meeting of the Seventh District Congressional Committee at Hutchinson last week,' said Morton Albaugh, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, yesterday, 'politicians fro mnearly every county in the district stated that the creamery fight on Long two years ago would react in his favor this year. They said that the farmers were becoming convinced of the soundness of Long's position. The result of the passage of the eleomargarine law they asserted, had been to increase the price of the ball. butter, as expected, but there has been no similar increase in the price paid the farmers for their cream; that the only ones who had been benefited by the law had been the creameries. As a result, they said. Mr. Lone. would get more votes than ever before and would lead the ticket in the district."

William E. Curtis writes; "No further steps will be taken about the establishment of naval stations in vast gift for a university at Washington has Cuba until ofr. Oxnard, the lobbyist of the beet sugar ring, permits Senator Elkins, Senator Burrows and the ther Senators whose votes he controls, to respect the

> Twenty reporters, six policement, four secretaries and a telegraph operator are constantly with Teddy Rocsevelt at Oyster Bay, while he tries to run down and lassoo "rest and quiet."

> It is said that Congress is afraid to pass the French system, which is really a good thing. Congress is afraid the people would get mad while they were learn-

New York is excited over the story of a woman who

The gold Democrats are getting hold of the reins in the South. One has been nominated for Congress down in North Carolina who voted for McKinley in 1900.

In the stike line Chicago has had a great many "fights And they have been invariably unprofit-

Balfour starts in poorly-blushing like a school-girl A thing can't be too big to become common. Pelee

is spouting daily, but people pay no attention to it. It is to be hoped that Michael Hicks-Beach's suc cessor will bring a shorter name along with him.

American people are proparing to demonstrate o Mr. Oxnard that he doesn't run the country. Mrs. Lease has probably noted that Miss McLane's name is also Mary Elizabeth

Control in England passes from a Cecil to a Cecil.

THE AURORA DIAMONDS.

All the American residents of Havana were interested in the masquerade built which was given by the American officials to the distinguished Cuban officers at the close of hostilities and at which function the diplomats of every country were entertained, when all hostilis feeling was to be laid aside and peace and harmony were to prevail.

Every one present was in cos-

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any there. The exception was a Hindu prince, wearing the cloth of gold, which only those of the royal caste may wear, a chaplet of great pink oriental pearls at his neck, a jeweled sish about his walst. a turban, the crest, a cluster of oriental jewels, covering his head.

onsly robed in transparent laces and white satin overlaid with pearl em-troidery. A pale tissue of white floated over the costume like a mist, and this was accentuated by rose-red diamonds of fabulous size and beauty, the jewels forming into a zene for her alender waist and a tlara for her hair.

"Who is she? Who is she?" was naked with intense curlosity. At last a masker in the character of Mephistopholes answered.

"Who should she be in tow of the oricottal but old Lynde's daughter, the benu-tiful Anlta, who has some foreign blood, although born in the neighborhood of Sixth avenue, New York. Her father had some money, but hasn't much now, and if the girl would save him from hankruptcy she must marry her Hindu Yight 2000.

and the counterpart of King Selomon sighed regretfully.

"The diamonds are new to the fair Anita," said another of the company, this time a woman dressed as Martha Washington; "I presume they are a betrothal gift from her lover, the Hindu. Yet I am told she has refused him twice." Perhaps the diamonds are treasure trove of some Cuban lord who has abandoned them. Saw you ever finer gams or any to compare, indeed?"

"Their brilliancy is annatural—they "Their brilliancy is unnatural-they

hurt the eyes. Can you estimate their "By my faith, no. Mine uncle would advance several fortunes on them. Hush They are coming this way. I feel damaled."

There are representatives of every nation on earth here tonight. It is a bit weird. I believe that Hindu is mumbing his prayers, Did you hear a strange oracular chant as they passed. What they had heard as Aurora and her Hindu prince swept by was apparently said for the purpose of sustaining interest in the character impersonated. It was intened monotonously, and was beard but indistinctly through the crash

GOD OF THE UNIVERSE: DEATH TO THE INNOCENT, DEATH! PARA-MESSHER; FORGIVE THE SIN OF MESHWAR! PORGIVE THE SIN OF Aurura's red Hps paled as the fateful this style: corresponds she had heard aright. It must be her conscience that affrighted her.

asked in a low voice, "No, Light of the World, I spake not,

asked her hand in marriage, and she feared that her lack of fortune would remain a barrier between them. And she was perpetuating a crime for his benefit

his gods. Not that she believed it a crime. She prince might gain an inkiling of the truth, when her pretty conceit would in his eyes become a deadly sin. At the height of the revei the beautiful

ined with the rest in the further feativitles of the night.

Aurora's diamonds and the peculiar acmuch speculative goestp after the ball. The rumor went forth that the young American girl had been followed on that occasion by armed detectives, who were But they were all wrong. The diamonds ed so well that confidence in her father was restored, and she had piloted his

st been held in Havana was graced the presence of the Princess Sanyaka, ore lovely than when as Aurora she appeared there the preceding year. Gema of great value and diamonds like drops or light decorated brow and boxim, but they had not the subtle radiance of those of a year ago. The prince was dressed in the evening ciothes of an American gentleman, and looked espe-cially bright and happy. Before coming the ball they had each made some

d. "why not wear the diamonds that hade ther a queen at the last hall?"
The heart of the princess throubed viocety. "I cannot, my prince. They—they—I no longer possess them."
"I would see thy custom, my Anitaliend the maid for it, my heart's decide."

Sanyaka drooped. "My sin has follow me out," she said, but she sent for th

ours of electric sporas.

"We caught them is nets—my maid and said that did not make any differently glowworms that die in a night.

bett and when anybody asked her w gaute, and, struggling to be free, they emitted that wonderful light, and every hash of my dismunds cost a life-and ! know the Hindu deciries that so is might

or Lord, what shall my pur-shment her with the tenderness of renewed love, and know, O my princess, that I helped thee do that brief cruelty. My race has many secrets, and I have solved them for my own knowledge. It was I light of my eyes, who enaggerated the feeble hellimory of the glowworm into that rare glory of diamonds. I who made the curieur see what did not exist, and it was I who held them spelibeaud.

ple and my faith I list the power

OUTLINES OF OKLAHOMA.

It is being noticed that in his speeches Bill Cross pays mighty little attention to his platform.

The late John Pugh, of Woodward, has dropped out of Okiahama politics entirely in the last year. A real polite country correspondent in one Oklahoma paper says. The rain-last week refreshed the crops."

In the campaign in the Osage reserva-tion all the candidates are full-bloods. Bacon Rind is in the race again. was only a year old when Oklahoma was

He accompanied an impersonation of the goddess Aurora, a woman sumptuously robed in transparent laces and going to be reliably Republican for years

Another Oklahoma man has fallen heir to a million dollars in England. But he will not do any hurrahing until he sees

crowd now playing Oklahoma: "Their antiquity was only exceeded by their gigantic gall."

The auction sale of lots on the farm of Miss Beal, at Lawton, is scheduled for August 10, and Miss Beal expects enough to get up quite a trousseau When the new country was settled there was a lot of talk about the danger from centipedez. Curlously not a person up to date in the new country has suffered from

Two curious little items appear in the assessor's report on Kay county. One is that there are two bee stands in the county and the other that the county has made 2,100 gallons of wire.

The kick on Mose Anderson seems to be growing instead of diminishing, and if Cross is to make any kind of a row either he will have to force Anderson out or quiet the roar against him.

Secretary Hitchcock is said to have be greatest sort of support from Presi-iont Rossevelt, and the rumor that he would regim from the cabinet will hav.

field county has met and passed resolu-tions that the Entd Echo be given no public patronage by the Populists. But none of the Populists have answered Petwiler's argument in support of Mc

The latest story is that there is a The latest story is that incre is a sup-picion among the old miners that there are diamonds about one hundred feet down in the granite of the Wichita mountains. Well, they might as well be

Mangum Sun: Quanah is making stren-uous efforts to bridge Red River, south of Mangom in order to retain some Greet this county, but since the Rock Islan-road built into Mangum the feels th heavy loss of Greer county a business.

correspondents have a tendency to cas personal reflections upon various citizen of their neighborhood through the col your neighborhood in the briefest, termest

ALONG THE KANSAS NILE.

Senator Burton will be in Kausas abou

When Jessie Morrison reached Kunsas

The New York Tribune calls the vote vanished as suddenly as if she against Cuban reciprocity in the senate on translated. Her Hindu prince "The Great Betrayal."

Ed How- says that the best trip he ever took was to Yellowstone Park. It beat Europe and all the others. Kansas reems to have reached a pormal

being established and none are dying Dr. William Meffert, of Emporia, has filed a suit asking that the medical board be regardined from revoking his license. The corn crop is going to be so large in Kansas this year that there will be more red cars than there were yellow cars last

it is so infernal hot in Kansas right now that the only way you can feel an electric fan is to get up close to it and

On her way to the prison on the elecalso at the prison gates.

Sixty-two carriers of rural mail were abroad in Summer county for the first time yestering—the bigment enterprise of its kind in the history of this nation. The Kaw river, which is on a campus

ing taken away part of a bridge as carried the water piges which furnish North Topeka away with the bridge. Eugene Ware says, that this is his policy. "If a man is entitled to a pension, he will get it; if he is not, then, he won't get it; not while I am commis-

J. Marshal Lamer, of McPherson, who was in the Twenty-first Kaness, has just estimed to Kansas from South Africa, where as a British acout he was captured three times and wounded once.

The people of Summer county are get-ing close together. In addition to the ural mail delivery which reaches daily very farmer in the county, a telephon empany, to cover in Wellingto

from the tissue toper in which it was stapped in careful layers there were visible only a militer of liny black gied.

These were my diamonds, abe said in a low, broken voice and then she took her prince's hand in hers and led him out on the baleony. The perfect Culan night was agiow with millions of tiny lights corrugating the atmosphere like bayes of sectric starks.

ime it was to say it was rag time.

eson had grown through that ring units it completely filled it, and was growing were it. The ring prevented the inner-sary flow of say and the tree, of course, died from want of nurrishment. This is a currisity, sately. It is quite likely that the ring was lost years any one the seed of a box elder appound within the ring as it lay buried in the earth."

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